Export-Import Performance

591. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the inability of the nationalised banks to provide suppliers credit is threatening the future of Rs. 10,000 crores worth of project exports;

(b) what is the target of export during the current year and the estimated achievements till date; in terms of dollar and rupee;

(c) what is the target of import during the current year and the estimated performance till date in terms of dollar and rupee;

(d) the export-import performance during the last three years; and

(e) the reasons for lagging behind the target during the current year and the reasons that imports are surpassing the estimate and the estimated gap at the end of the year ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) Some leading project exporters have brought to the notice of the Government some problems faced by them vis-a-vis leading commercial banks in obtaining bid-bond guarantees and fresh overdrafts for new overseas projects.

(b) The export target for the financial year 1992-93 is fixed at Rs. 57850 crores. In dollar terms, it is fixed at US $ 20132 million. According to provisional figures, India's exports amounted to Rs. 24403 crores or US $ 8549 million during the first six months of the current financial year i.e. April-September, 1992.

(c) No target is fixed for imports. India's imports during the first six months of the current financial year i.e. April-September, 1992 amounted to Rs. 31888 crores or US $ 11171 million.

(d) The figures of exports and imports during the financial year 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 in rupees and dollars are given below :

Year	Export		Imports	
	Rs. crores	$ million	Rs. crores	$ million
1989-90	27683	16625	35412	21269
1990-91	32553	18143	43193	24073
1991-92	43978	17840	47813	19395

(e) The export targets are fixed for the financial year, as a whole. As such, it would not be appropriate to assess the export Performance vis-a-vis the export targets at this stage. The past trends also indicate the higher levels of exports are registered in the third and fourth Quarters of the financial year. Similarly, no statement can be made with regard to import levels surpassing the targets, as no import targets are fixed and are dependent on domestic requirement.

कम्प्यूटर, वी सी पी और वी सी आर के आयात पर निर्बंधनों का हटाया जाना

592. **डा. बापू कालदाते** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार कम्प्यूटरों के आयात पर लगे निर्बंधनों को पूर्णत: हटाने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि वी सी आर, वी सी पी और उनके कलपुर्जों के आयात पर लगे निर्बंधनों को भी हटाने का विचार है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस अप्रतिबन्धित आयात से घरेलू उद्योगों पर पड़ने वाले प्रभाव के सम्बन्ध में कोई अध्ययन कराया है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय, इलेक्ट्रानिकी विभाग और महासागर विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रंगराजन कुमारमंगलम) : (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1992–1997 की आयात-निर्यात नीति के अनुसार 1·5 लाख रुपये से कम लागत बीमा भाड़ा मूल्य के वैयक्तिक कम्प्यूटरों सहित सभी कम्प्यूटर प्रणालियों के लिए आयात लाइसेंस की जरूरत है। अभी तक इस प्रतिबंध को पूरी तरह हटाने के बारे में कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) और (ङ) ये प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते।

(च) वर्ष 1992–97 की आयात-निर्यात नीति के अनुसार सभी उपभोक्ता वस्तुएं (यात्रियों के वैयक्तिक सामान की अनुमति को छोड़कर) आयात के लिए प्रतिबन्धित हैं। इसकी वर्तमान स्थिति में परिवर्तन करने का कोई प्रस्ताव इस समय सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है।

Inadequate allocation for the National Radar Council

593. SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the allocation for the National Radar Council, under the Department of Electronics, has been reduced to Rs. one crore annually thereby jeopardising present and future plans as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 2nd November, 1992.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons for not adequately funding the National Radar Council; and

(c) whether Government propose to restore the present requirement of N. R. C. i.e. Rs. 6 crores so as to enable it to carry out its present plans and allow expansion at a reasonable pace as reportedly demanded by Department of Electronics Government of India in this area ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The details of year-wise budget for National Radar Council Technology Development Programme are as follows :

(Rs. in crores)

Year	BE	RE
1989-90	2·5	3·25
1990-91	2.0	2.0
1991-92	3.0	2.1
1992-93	0.75	—

The reduction in allocation of funds for the National Radar Council Technology Development Programme during the year 1992-93 is due to resource constraints.

(c) No, Sir, as adequate resource are not available.

Declining Software Growth Rate

594. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 24th October, 1992 captioned "Software growth rate drops to 27 per cent" from 35 per cent during 1985—90;